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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application:

Jian-Feng Chen et al.

Application No.: 09/825,783

Filed: April 4, 2001

For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR  
IMPROVING THE SPATIAL  
RESOLUTION FOR STRAIN  
IMAGING

Examiner: Patel, J.

Group: 2625

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listed fax numberDate: 11/9/04Fax Number: 703-872-9306No. of Pages: 3 total pagesBy: C. Reese  
Cynthia ReeseREQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)  
UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.114

Sir:

1. Applicant hereby requests continued examination, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.114, for the above-identified application.

TIME REQUEST IS BEING MADE

2. This request is being submitted:

- I. ☒ Prior to abandonment of the application
- ii. ☐ Payment of the issue fee
  - ☐ Prior to payment of issue fee
  - ☐ Issue fee has been paid but a petition under §1.313 has been granted

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- iii. ☐ Prior to a decision on appeal to the Board of Patent Appeals & Interferences  
☐ A notice is being separately sent to the Board of Patent Appeals & Interferences that this Request for Continued Examination is being filed
- iv. ☐ Appeal to the U.S. Court of Appeals of the Federal Circuit under 35 U.S.C. 114 OR  
☐ Commencement of a civil action under 35 U.S.C. 146  
☐ Prior to the filing of such appeal or commencement of civil action  
☐ Such appeal or commencement of civil action has been terminated

SUBMISSIONS AND ENCLOSURES

3. a. Submission required under 37 CFR §1.114  
☐ Previously submitted:  
i. ☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 CFR §1.116 previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_  
ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_  
iii. ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_
- b. Enclosed herewith is/are:  
☒ A Petition for Extension of Time for one (1) month.  
☐ An Information Disclosure Statement (37 C.F.R. §1.98) with PTO-1449 and \_\_\_ references.  
☒ An amendment  
☒ New arguments  
☐ New evidence in support of patentability  
☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

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FEE FOR REQUEST (37 C.F.R. §1.17(c))

4. ☒ Filing fee has been calculated as shown below (other than small entity):

For	Claims Remaining After Amendment	Highest Number Previously Paid For	Present Extra	x Rate	Additional Fees
Total Claims	16	- 20	= 0	x \$ 18	\$ -0-
Indep. Claim	8	- 8	= 0	x \$ 88	\$ -0-
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Basic filing Fee					\$ 790.00
Total					\$ 790.00

4. Please charge Deposit Account No. 19-2179 in the amount of \$ 790.00. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees that may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-2179 pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.25.

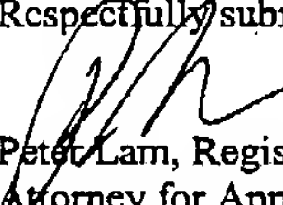
5. ☐ This application, as amended, names as inventors:
- ☐ the same inventors as previously designated for the claims.
  - ☐ fewer than the inventors previously designated and a statement accompanies this request for the deletion of the name or names of the person or persons who are not inventors of the invention now being claimed.
  - ☐ a person not named previously as an inventor and a petition under 37 C.F.R. §1.48 is/has separately: ☐ being filed ☐ been filed

6. ☐ A request for deferral of examination accompanies this Request for Continued Examination.

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